



United Jewish Federation
OF TIDEWATER

MEETING THE CHALLENGE.
SECURING THE FUTURE.

2016 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN REPORT

UJFT Mission & Vision

Our Mission

The United Jewish Federation of Tidewater strengthens and perpetuates Jewish lives. As a leader and facilitator of collective action:

- We develop human and financial resources to meet the evolving and vital issues of our world-wide community, partnering with local, national, and global organizations.
- We allocate resources to assist Jewish agencies that provide healthcare, social services and education, and aid organizations that improve human relations and provide Jewish cultural programs.
- We care for those in need, rescue Jews in danger, enhance security and champion the State of Israel.

By accepting responsibility for one another, we improve the world with acts of righteous giving and social justice.

Our Vision

The United Jewish Federation of Tidewater nurtures a vibrant, engaged, inclusive and caring Jewish community whose collective action is guided by our values.

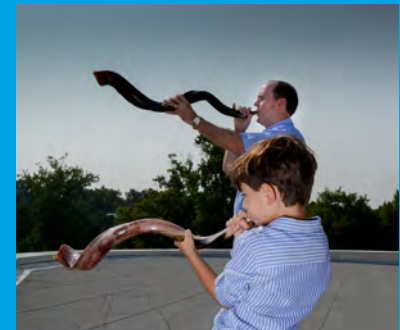
Our Values

- Kol Yisrael: We are one People, responsible for one another.
- Tzedakah: We have an obligation to share our resources with our fellow human beings.
- Tikkun Olam: We are to actively participate in repairing the world.
- Gemilut Chasadim: We have a responsibility to perform acts of loving kindness.
- Torah: We are committed to lifelong Jewish learning.

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Letter to the Community

We are living in a time of change. Our world and community are rapidly evolving, both progressing toward the future and creating new and diverse issues to address each and every day.

In the midst of this change, our Tidewater Jewish community has consistently risen to meet the challenges we face. We are convinced that our community of committed and inspirational individuals is effectively securing the future.

As a 2016 United Jewish Federation of Tidewater Annual Campaign donor, participant, volunteer, or more likely all three, you have ignited positive change in our community and beyond. You have exemplified the strength of our people and demonstrated the power that our community has to help so many others.

You supported, educated, uplifted, and strengthened individuals and communities throughout Tidewater, in Israel, and in Jewish Communities worldwide through your donations and pledges to the UJFT's 2016 Annual Campaign.

You provided the means for our children to receive Jewish day school and camp scholarships, empowered our young adults to gain valuable leadership skills, forged connections within our community and beyond, and gave crucial care to Jews everywhere. You have met the challenge, and you are working to secure the future.

Thank you for your support in 2016, and please support the 2017 Annual Campaign.



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Karen Jaffe



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Helping those in Need

Through your gift to the 2016 Annual Campaign, the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater can allocate funds to partner agencies providing social, financial, educational, and emergency services to Jews and others in need.

- Homebound senior citizens and disabled adults in the area had more than **3,000** kosher meals on Wheels delivered to them last year. Beth Sholom Village made the meals and volunteers collaborated with Jewish Family Service (JFS) staff to deliver them.
- **24 children** received scholarships to attend 131 weeks of Summer Camp.
- **332 people** received emergency financial assistance from JFS.
- **19 individuals** received **77 hours** of subsidized clinical services from JFS.
- UJFT support helped bring **132,463 needy Jewish elderly** and **22,580 children** in the Former Soviet Union a range of life-affirming services.
- **42 individuals** received JFS transportation service for **460 trips** to medical appointments or to visit the Simon Family JCC.
- UJFT's support enabled Jaffe Jewish Family Service case managers to provide assistance for **287 families**, including 547 children. Additionally, **223 families**, including 365 children, **received material support**.
- World ORT received nearly **\$90,000 to support education** in our sister city, Kiryat Yam. This includes a science lab renovation, dropout prevention program, and support of a university.

Camp and day school scholarships create fun and learning possible for children.

Israelis with disabilities have opportunities to network, socialize, and make a difference.

Jews living in war-torn Ukraine have a lifeline through our partners.



Strengthening Community

The impact of your gift in community-building is profound on many different levels. Your support brings Jews together to learn, educate, advocate, remember, and stand up for Jews in Israel and around the world.

- In 2016, more than **1,500 middle and high school students** entered the Holocaust Commission's 2016 Elie Wiesel Student Writing & Visual Arts Competitions. Categories include poetry, essay, two and three-dimensional art, and multimedia.
- The Holocaust Commission's innovative *What We Carry* program premiered three new stories at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts, which reached its seating capacity with a crowd of more than **1350**.
- The CRC's annual Israel Today forum reached audiences totaling more than **2,500** and thousands more through local and international media.
- More than **450 community members** participated in the second annual community-wide Mitzvah Day, which included five different projects for men, women, and children to choose from.
- Nearly **1,200 people** of all Jewish backgrounds and affiliations attended the 3rd Annual Tidewater Together community weekend at six locations in the community, led by Rabbi Eric Yoffie.
- UJFT support helped JDC forge ahead with its Volunteer Initiative, inspiring over **1,600 volunteers** in 25 locations around the world to take an active hand in helping their communities.

The Tidewater Jewish community and friends show up and stand up for Israel.

Tidewater Together brings a weekend of learning to all Jewish community members.

What We Carry presentations have been seen by more than 20,000 people.



Empowering Jewish Identity

Your gift positively impacts Jewish educational, social and networking opportunities, encourages public support for Israelis, and prompts actions consistent with Jewish values and responsibilities.

- **6,000+** Jewish students can take part in their campus Hillel, with UJFT funds provided to the College of William & Mary, George Mason University, the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech.
- Support from the UJFT Annual Campaign allows **6** area schools to provide Jewish education to more than **400** children, from infancy through high school.
- More than **500,000** young adults from **60+** countries have been to Israel on the hugely popular, free, Taglit-Birthright trips since 1999, including hundreds from Tidewater.
- The Young Adult Division's Tidewater Couples Project had **12** participants.
- A JDC-run camp in Romania provides Jewish learning and empowerment for **436 children**, giving them the opportunity to make friends and learn about Jewish values and traditions.
- The Center for Independent Living in Tel Aviv gave **350 Israelis** with disabilities the support and guidance they need to live fulfilling independent lives, thanks to UJFT support, as well as integrate into the general community.
- Tidewater's support of JDC's Early Childhood Center (ECC) in Kiryat Yam allowed **32 families** to receive individual and family services, directly impacting their overall development.

Young adult leaders of the community see the impact they have locally and globally.

Judaism comes alive for children and families at a camp in Romania.

Jewish educational options continue to be supported, from infancy through old age.



2016 UJFT Annual Campaign

Your gifts, time, compassion and impact are extraordinary.

We cannot list every mitzvah that was, and continues to be, accomplished through participation and support of the 2016 Annual Campaign, but viewing just a sample of what your gifts make possible is incredible:

- **Elderly, disabled, and vulnerable** Jewish citizens worldwide receive nutritious meals, financial assistance, health care, transportation services, and friendly, attentive visitors.
- **Children** whose families otherwise can't afford it receive scholarships for Jewish schools and summer camps in Tidewater. Jewish youth in other countries, including Israel, are also receiving educational advantages through Annual Campaign allocations.
- **Our next generation of Jewish leaders** are being mentored, guided and given opportunities to take on new roles in the community. Innovative social and informational programs, as well as network opportunities, are offered continuously for young Jewish adults.
- **Effective outreach and education programs** are strengthening the bonds between Jews of all backgrounds in Tidewater.
- **Israel advocacy and support for Jewish causes** is extended throughout the Jewish and greater Tidewater communities with diverse offerings from the Community Relations Council of the UJFT.
- **The Holocaust Commission** of the UJFT continues to combat hatred and intolerance through its innovative and effective programs.
- **1,500 donors contributed almost \$4.7 million and thousands of volunteer hours.**

Our successful 2016 Annual Campaign had a great impact in improving Jewish lives and communities, here and abroad, and is helping to secure a future where Jews feel safe, feel accepted and are able to thrive. Thank you for being part of this extraordinary community!

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Your continued support of the Annual Campaign makes all of this possible!



UJFT Partner Agencies – Allocations

Agencies and organizations receiving funds that positively change lives include:

Locally, and in Virginia

Berger-Goldrich Home at Beth Sholom Village
 BINA Girls High School
 Hebrew Academy of Tidewater | Konikoff Center of Learning
 Hillel at UVA, Virginia Tech, William & Mary, George Mason
 Jewish Agency Israel Fellow at UVA, George Mason University
 Jewish Family Service of Tidewater
 Simon Family JCC
 Strelitz Early Childhood Center
 Synagogue/Temple Youth Groups
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 Business & Legal Society
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 Holocaust Commission
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 Synagogue Grants
 Tidewater Together
 Women's Outreach
 Young Adult Outreach
 UJFT Community Campus
 Va'ad HaKashrus of Tidewater
 Yeshivas Aish Kodesh Talmudical Academy

Nationally

Anti-Defamation League
 Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies

Foundation for Jewish Culture
 Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society
 Jewish Braille Institute
 Jewish Community Centers Association of North America
 Jewish Council on Public Affairs
 Jewish Education Service of North America
 Jewish Telegraphic Agency
 National BBYO
 National Conference on Soviet Jewry
 National Funding Council
 National Hillel

Israel and Overseas

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)
 Atidim
 Balint JCC in Budapest
 Birthright Israel
 Center For Young Adults, Kiryat Yam
 Children, Family, and Community Support in Tidewater's Sister City, Pardes Katz, Israel
 Disability Services, including Center for Independent Living, Tel Aviv, Israel
 Early Childhood Center, Hadera-Kiryat Yam, Israel
 Elderly Services for Vulnerable Jewish Population, Romania
 Family Summer Camp, Cristian, Romania
 Hunger Relief and Other Welfare Programs for Jewish Citizens, the Former Soviet Union
 InterGeneration Program, Budapest, Hungary
 Jaffe Jewish Family Service, Budapest, Hungary
 Kiryat Yam Exchange Program
 The Jewish Agency for Israel
 Michina Programs for Youth from Kiryat Yam
 Minyanim, Poland
 Neve Michael Children's Village

Welfare for Elderly Holocaust Survivors, Not Eligible for German Restitution, the Former Soviet Union
 ORT-Dropout Prevention Program, Kiryat Yam, Israel
 ORT-Science Lab Renovation at Abir Yaakov Youth Village School (Nahariya)
 ORT-YOUniversity, Kiryat Yam, Israel
 Youth Futures Program (Akko and Matte Asher)
 Youth Programs in New Bucharest JCC

United Jewish Federation of Tidewater Allocations Fiscal Year 2017

Made possible by the generosity of 2016 Annual Campaign donors and sponsors:

Local & National	\$2,043,062
Israel & Overseas	\$1,290,271
Reserve & Special Programming.	\$1,167,824
Other.	\$180,448
Total Funds Allocated	\$4,681,605

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